

WARREN, Gray D., Capt, DATA MIA
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27 OCT 1970

Mrs. Julie A. Warren

DATA

Dear Mrs. Warren

I am writing concerning your husband, Captain Gray D. Warren, who has been in a missing in action status since 26 October 1969.

Under the provisions of Section 555, Title 37, United States Code, a member of the uniformed service who becomes missing can be carried on the rolls in that status for a period of a year. When a year has elapsed a determination must be made as to whether there is any basis to assume that the missing person is still alive. If there is not enough information available upon which to base a logical presumption that the member is still alive, a finding of death is made and all his accounts are settled.

The information that is available concerning the disappearance of your husband does not justify any change in his status at this time, particularly in view of the refusal of the North Vietnamese and their allies to conform with international agreements in submitting reports about our personnel known by them to be deceased or in their custody. Captain Warren will therefore be continued in a missing in action status until new information is received or other facts develop which will resolve the uncertainty of his present status. Meanwhile, his pay and allowances will continue to be credited to his account, and allotments will continue to be paid to his authorized allottees.

It is my custom to write a letter of general interest to the families of Air Force members who are missing and captured approximately every two months. You are assured, however, you will be immediately notified if anything new is learned concerning your husband. In the event you receive any communications from or about him through unofficial sources, please notify us as soon as possible.

I regret that no information has been received which would relieve your anxiety. Please contact us whenever you have questions and feel that we can assist you.

Sincerely

Signed

J. G. LUTHER, Colonel, USAF
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Capt Gray D. Warren, DATA FR80726, MIA 26 Oct 69
Capt Neil S. Bynum, DATA FV3192011, MIA 26 Oct 69

Capt Warren was the aircraft commander and Capt (then 1st Lt) Bynum was the pilot of an F-4D aircraft which departed Ubon Airfield, Thailand at 0550 hours, 26 Oct 69, on a forward air controller mission over Laos. At 0624 hours, after performing their assigned mission, Capt Warren requested permission to attack another target. After receiving permission, they rolled in on the target in a low angle dive; however, instead of pulling up, the aircraft continued in a dive, impacted and exploded. No calls were received from either officer subsequent to roll in, nor were parachutes seen or signals received after the aircraft crashed. A visual and electronic search was conducted with negative results. No further information has been received.